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Southern region vice president

How has your FFA experience shaped you as a person?
I remember myself in middle school as a timid and shy 13-year-old, unwilling to step out of my comfort zone. Now that I look back, I realize that all I needed was a sense of direction and some positive reinforcement to come out of that shell—I found that in the FFA!

Describe agriculture in your home state of Florida.
While tourism is our state's largest source of income, the agricultural industry follows a very close second, generating nearly $8 billion for Florida's economy. While citrus production is the largest segment, other commodities include non-citrus fruits, row crops, livestock, sugar cane and timber.

How was your trip to Alaska?
My trip to Alaska was a lifelong dream come true. I had the honor of attending the Alaska FFA Convention, but I also had the opportunity to travel to several parts of the state, from caribou farms in Delta Junction to Mt. McKinley. I was amazed and intrigued that so many people in Alaska travel in and out of their hometowns by airplane. In fact, I found that many FFA members in Alaska are interested in flying.

Speaking of flying, you recently enrolled in flight school. What inspired you to want to fly an airplane?
As a kid, I remember standing in the front yard watching planes fly overhead and being totally amazed at their size, speed and ability to get off the ground. My first memorable experience on an airplane was a trip to the national FFA convention. From then on, I have wanted to get a private pilot's license—and that's what I am doing.

What do you like best about state FFA conventions?
I have had the opportunity to visit eight state conventions this year. Spending time with FFA members is my favorite part of being a national officer.

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- ELECTED MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESIDENT
- ATTENDED MY FIRST STATE FFA CONVENTION

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- ELECTED JUNIOR FFA CHAPTER PRESIDENT
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- NAMED FFA STAR CHAPTER GREENHAND

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NEW PRESIDENTS CHECK OUT CHEVY'S NEW TRUCK

All smiles at the 2001 National FFA State Presidents' Conference in Washington, D.C. as state and national FFA leaders pose by this year's Chevy Truck auction donation. Keys to the all new 2002 Chevy Avalanche were handed over by Trent McKnight, national FFA president, to Jim Allsup, president of the FFA Alumni Association. The Chevy Avalanche will be auctioned off this fall at the FFA National Agricultural Career Show in October in Louisville, KY.

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LOUISIANA

Amanda Lee

COLLEGIATE

Amanda Lee, 19, is a pre-veterinary medicine student at Southeastern Louisiana University. A former Covington FFA Chapter president, she is an award-winning exhibitor of Braford cattle. She has competed locally and nationally and maintained a supervised agricultural experience program (SAE) in beef production.

CALIFORNIA

Angela Covert

SENIOR

A four-year member of the Central Valley FFA Chapter, Angela, 18, has spent over 100 hours on community service projects. Her SAE includes work with market swine, a horse and a hog-breeding project. She plans to attend the University of California-Davis and hopes to become a veterinarian.

IOWA

Casey Schares

JUNIOR

With no FFA advisor last year, Casey, 17, and his fellow Jesup FFA Chapter members held meetings and kept their SAEs going. For their hard work and determination, Casey and the other officers received the chapter's outstanding leadership award. Casey was also named star chapter farmer.

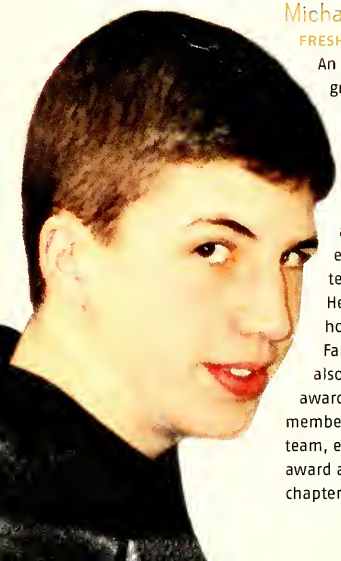
OREGON

Allison North

SOPHOMORE

Glide FFA Chapter president, Allison North, 16, has been a leader since she first joined. As a freshman, she served as chapter secretary and started SAEs in sheep, swine, specialty crops, beef and forest management. As well as being as chapter president, Allison is an FFA district sentinel.

WISCONSIN



Michael Stranz

FRESHMAN

An FFA member since seventh grade, 15-year old Michael Stranz makes an effort to get involved in all aspects of FFA. During his just-completed freshman year, Michael placed second at the state level in the emerging agricultural technology proficiency award. He uses his computer know-how to maintain the Oconto Falls FFA Chapter website. He also creates all of the chapter's award certificates. Michael is a member of the chapter's dairy foods team, earned the star greenhand award and was recently elected chapter historian.

ALABAMA

Amy Goodman

MIDDLE SCHOOL

As last year's president of the Cherokee Middle School FFA Chapter, Amy Goodman, 14, showed her emerging leadership skills by planning meetings, developing chapter activities and helping launch a chapter website. As a 7th-grader, Amy attended a leadership workshop and the state FFA convention.

WEST VIRGINIA

Edgar Leatherman

ADVISOR

An agriculture teacher at the state's Schools for the Blind and Deaf since 1983, Mr. Leatherman started its FFA chapter. Today, its members are active and compete at state competitions. This Army National Guard veteran also operates a small orchard and plays stand-up bass in a bluegrass and gospel band.

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THE BUZZ FROM FFA CHAPTERS ACROSS THE U.S.

OHIO

A wheelbarrow of fun

During National FFA Week in February, the Parkway FFA Chapter in Rockford put on a full court press to build awareness of FFA and agriculture. All students at the high school were invited to try their luck in such events as wheelbarrow racing, milk-chugging and bale tossing. Also on the schedule of events: a coloring contest for preschool students, an FFA presentation for eighth-graders, a faculty breakfast and the tractor drive-in, where FFA members drove their tractors to school for a public display. During the week, the chapter held fundraisers and was able to contribute $1,700 to a local charity.

SETH [illegible] FELL [illegible] PARKWAY FFA [illegible] MEMBER [illegible] RUMPLE [illegible] IN THE FINAL STRETCH OF A WHEELBARROW RACE AS PART OF THE CHAPTER'S NATIONAL FFA WEEK FESTIVITIES

ILLINOIS

30 miles per hour

With trash piled up along local roadsides after the long winter, the Seneca FFA Chapter organized a major cleanup project. The chapter rounded up 500 volunteers and worked with local businesses to secure donated goods and services, including garbage bags, leather gloves for every volunteer, the use of two dumpsters and lunch for everyone involved. In a single hour, this army of volunteers wearing orange T-shirts cleared 30 miles of roadside refuse. "I think we have all learned that people need to have a little more respect for our environment," said Nick Schaefer, an FFA member. "Wouldn't it be great if we never had to do this again?"

STUDENTS AT SENECA HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATE AFTER CLEARING 30 MILES OF ROADSIDE TRASH. IT TOOK 500 VOLUNTEERS AN HOUR TO CLEAR THE TRASH, WHICH FILLED TWO HUGE DUMPSTERS.

MONTANA

Showing kids the ropes

Members of the Flathead FFA Chapter in Kalispell make it a priority to get young children excited about agriculture. Each fall, they host "Heritage Days," an event designed to teach children about farm life, milking, roping, rope making, tractors and other agriculture-related activities. To connect with their audience, the FFA members organized a coloring contest, a straw bale maze, a hayride and a petting zoo. In 2000, the chapter hosted over 900 smiling first and second graders.

TREY BUCKALLEW (RIGHT) AND DAN BOCKSNICK, FLATHEAD FFA CHAPTER MEMBERS, SHOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS HOW TO MAKE ROPE. THE DEMONSTRATION IS PART OF THE CHAPTER'S "HERITAGE DAYS" EVENT, WHERE THEY SHOWCASE AGRICULTURE AND FFA FOR THE COMMUNITY.

NORTH CAROLINA

Strait story

Sisters Bobbi and April Nordan, members of the South Johnston FFA Chapter, took advantage of a ticket giveaway and found themselves at a day-long Chevy Trucks-George Strait Country Music Festival performance in neighboring South Carolina. Though they're posing here with a cardboard George Strait, Bobbi reports that they were able to get within inches of the real singer onstage after the concert. "It was the best concert I have ever been to," she says. Chevy Trucks gave a limited number of tickets to FFA members and state FFA associations at each of the tour's stops.

BOBBI NORDAN (LEFT) AND HER SISTER APRIL POSE WITH A CUTOUT OF GEORGE STRAIT.

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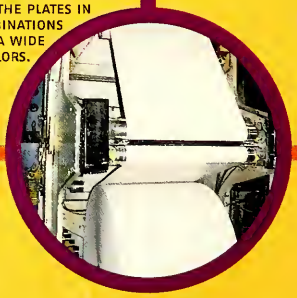

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off the wall

"A LITTLE BIT OF LARE" by Lathie Lowe, an Indiana FFA member.

Agriculture inspires FFA members' artwork

by Erich Gaukel

Agriculture has inspired artists through the ages—from the ancient works found in cave dwellings all the way up to the present day. Some artists—Grant Wood, Vincent Van Gogh and Georgia O'Keefe, to name just a few—became famous for their interpretations of agriculture. At county and state fairs and on the walls of high school hallways across the U.S., you'll find works of art created by FFA members. Using their creativity and experience in agriculture to express their views of the world, they are carrying on an artistic tradition that promises to continue for centuries to come.

"AT THE RODEO" by Dustie Butner, an Oklahoma FFA member.

"SUNNY DELIGHT" by Ashlea Lehman, an Iowa FFA member.

On their grandparents' farm

For Carlie Lowe, a member of the Seeger FFA Chapter in Indiana, art became part of her life at an early age. "I basically live with my grandparents because both my parents work the swing shift. So I'd be down at their farm, drawing little barnyard animals all the time."

Since that time, 18-year-old Carlie has developed talents in drawing, painting, sculpture and photography. She recently won the grand champion award at her school's art show with a landscape painting she created that shows soybean and cornfields north of her school.

Carlie plans to major in studio art in college and become an art teacher.

Cartoonist in the making

In South Dakota, Adam Prunty, a West Central FFA Chapter member, can best be described as a cartoonist. Inspired by the "Garfield" comic strip and the work of Disney illustrators, his work is colorful and fun.

Adam, 17, follows the same routine for most of his creations. "First, I do a sketch of it on notebook paper. And then I trace it onto a piece of white paper for a good quality drawing, then I scan it on the computer. I use a computer program to color it in."

With an interest in journalism, Adam does the editorial cartoons and an occasional comic strip for the school newspaper. He also does T-shirt designs for his FFA chapter.

Adam lives on his family's farm, where he helps with crops and cattle. He also has his own hay sales and dirt works business. "I'm kind of undecided on a career right now. I'm going to see if I can maybe start my own graphic design business and keep working on the farm with my dad."

Communicating with art

In Oklahoma, Dustie Butner expresses her artistic vision through the lens of her camera. "I just like to capture the emotion because long after people and things are gone, you're still going to have those photos to look back upon."

Dustie, 18, lives on a ranch. She doesn't have to travel far to find subjects for her camera. "I like to catch my animals and the people around here when they're not paying attention to the camera, when they're kind of off in their own world doing their own thing."

She has entered her photographs in local competitions and the state fair, where she won an award for a series of shots of a hot air balloon.

Dustie is just starting her freshman year at Oklahoma State University. "I'm going to double major in agricultural communications and public relations, so photography is going to be a big part of what I'm wanting to do."

Animals on the Farm

Ashlea Lehman, who grew up on the family farm in Iowa, also expresses her artistic talents through photography. "I taught myself by reading books and playing around with the camera," says the 18-year-old North Polk FFA Chapter member.

For her supervised agricultural experience program (SAE) in wildlife production, Ashlea put in 40 acres of buffer strips.

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She then used her photography skills to photograph the wild animals that inhabited the area.

"When it comes to inspiration in photography, I just look around," Ashlea says. "I don't like to do things in the traditional way—I like to put a twist on things." You can see this in her photographs. In 1999, she won a contest with a shot of a grain bin. "It's looking up the ladder," she explains, "so it's really abstract."

Another of her shots—this one of a cow—was judged Reserve Best of Show at the Iowa FFA photography exhibit at last year's Iowa State Fair.

An old Ford pickup

Elvis Barcellos, an 18-year-old member of the Lemoore FFA Chapter in California, got his early inspiration from a different source. "I started when I was five years old, drawing little pictures of Ninja Turtles and Batman. And I just got interested in drawing at that point. It kept me busy. It was a hobby to me."

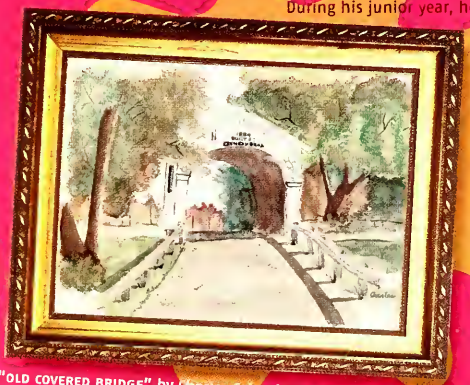
Agriculture became a favorite subject for his artwork. Growing up on his family's farm, Elvis became heavily involved in farming and fixing equipment. When he was 11, he drew a picture of an old Ford pickup from the farm. He entered the drawing in the Kings County Fair and won first place.

Elvis continues to draw and work on the farm. A recent high school graduate, he plans to attend college to study mechanical engineering so he can someday design tractors.

Leather, clay and paper

For Charles Schneider, a member of the Anderson FFA Chapter in Texas, it doesn't really matter what materials he's working with. He can usually find a way to make art out of whatever he has on hand. While he considers sketching his strongest skill, Charles learned to tool leather while he worked at a horse saddle shop. While there, he crafted a breast collar with and tooled an intricate oak leaf design in the leather. During his junior year, he won the school art contest with clay windchimes with an owl on top.

When his FFA advisor heard about his student's artistic talents, he asked Charles if he could draw up plans for feeders, trailers and other equipment. Charles did, and from there, he developed a love for detailed drawings that led him to Texas A&M University, where he's studying environmental design in hopes of becoming an architect.



"OLD COVERED BRIDGE" by Charles Schneider, a Texas FFA member.

"TAKING A DRINK" by Lisa Polewczak, a New York FFA member.

Horses on film

Schuylerville, New York is horse country. Lisa Polewczak, a 17-year-old member of the Schuylerville FFA Chapter, recently won the state proficiency award in equine science (placement).

She's also a photographer, so it's no surprise that horses are the dominant theme in the images she creates. "I've taken some pictures at work and at the place where I take riding lessons. There are rodeos in the area and we also have the Saratoga Spring thoroughbred racetrack nearby. It's a big industry here."

With a camera on-hand most of the time, Lisa is always ready when a good shot presents itself. She has entered photos in contests, especially as youngster in 4-H. Just as important is the sense of accomplishment.

"It makes me pretty proud that I can do that. I have one shot in particular that I took last summer that a lot of people like. It's a shot of two horses drinking out of a pond. It's a really clear day and their images are reflected in the water. Whenever people see it, they're like "Oh, that's so great—I love that picture!" It just makes me feel good that I can do that. And make other people happy."

Adam Prunty, a South Dakota FFA member, with one of his creations.

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75th State FFA Convention Highlights

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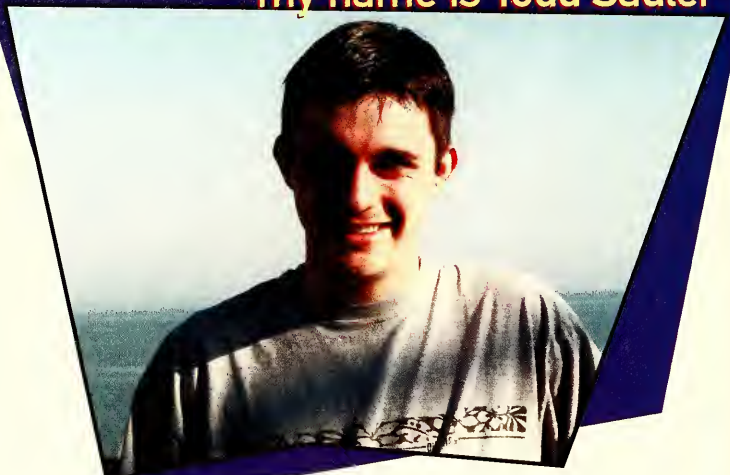
Hello Virginia FFA . . . my name is Todd Sadler



...and this year I will be serving you as your State President.

The year is just beginning for the other nine officers and myself, but I can already tell that this year will be a year to remember. I feel that I should let the members know that you are being represented this year by an officer team comprised of ten amazing individuals. At this time we have many ideas in line for the year to come. All chapters should receive letters in early September pertaining to chapter visits. It is our plan this year to visit each chapter in the state. This will give us the chance to better know you, the members. It will also give us the opportunity to get insight from you, as to how we can better serve you and the organization. I am sure that this will be a fun a productive year for us all. If any of you should ever need anything at all, let us know, that is why we are here.

To this years State Officer Candidates, thank you. I am sure that I express the feelings of the entire team when I say that each of you are deserving individuals. I feel that our time together at Virginia Tech allowed us to grow closer as a group and find ourselves as people.

Virginia FFA, I just want to say that I hope you are ready to get this show started because your 2001-2002 Virginia State FFA officer team is ready o roll, and make this our best year yet.

Sincerely,
Todd Sadler
State President

Upcoming Events

September 14-16 ..... Chapter Officer Leadership Training Weekend FFA Center, Smithfield
September 27-October 7 ..... State Fair of Virginia
October 9 ..... AES-FFA Leadership Conference, Virginia Tech
October 24-27 ..... National FFA Convention, Louisville, KY

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What: Chapter Officer Leadership Training Conference
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New Facilities for Buffalo Gap

The Buffalo Gap FFA Chapter has some new facilities. In August of 2000, construction began on a greenhouse, mechanics shop, and a livestock building. The new facilities are designed to better educate students on growing plants, raising livestock, and mechanics. The project was done almost completely by volunteer labor. Students, parents, and Alumni oversaw all aspects of the construction. Mr. Rick Shiflett, Mr. Doug Ramsey, and Mr. Harry Crosby were the cornerstones of the construction. Many students helped to nail the tin on the Animal Lab and Mechanics Lab. One entire day was spent pushing wheelbarrows of concrete for the floor of the Mechanics Lab. Another day was spent spreading rocks on the Greenhouse floor. Students built the fiberglass tables for the Greenhouse as well. Countless days were spent just cleaning up the construction materials and organizing the buildings.

The construction was completes in January or 2001. Currently the Greenhouse has the first plants gown by Buffalo Gap FFA members. Students are trying their hand at growing tomato plants and flowering annuals. The Animal Lab has housed sheep on which students performed an ultrasound. This was done to determine pregnancy and show the development of a lamb. Currently the students are raising two hogs in the Lab. The Mechanics Lab is still being furnished with workbenches and cabinets. Students are in charge of putting together all the tables and cabinets that will be in the lab. The new facilities have provided a refreshing hands-on way to reinforce what is being taught in the classroom. Future students will be exposed to a more personal way of experiencing agriculture.

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State Events Held Prior to Convention

Commodity Marketing Activity
Lakeland

Dairy Foods
1st - Spotswood - Team members: Elizabeth Dofflemyer, Josj Joseph, Raymond Michael, Eric Paulson, and Coach Mr. W.W. Cupp

Envirothon
(Environmental & Natural Resources)
1st - Amelia HS - Team Members: Nathan Royster, Michael Ferrara, Cory Busic, David Ashman, and Coach Mrs. Margaret Jones

Food Science
1st - Buffalo Gap- Team members: Hock Jones, James Ramsey, Tina Wilson, Elizabeth Fuller, and Coach Mrs. Shirley Kaufman

Junior Forestry Judging
1st - Carroll County Intermediate - Team members: Aaron Hall, Drew Cockerham, David Newman, Zach Hill, and Coach Mr. Alan Webb
2nd - Signal Knob MS; ***3rd*** - Powhatan; ***4th*** - Randolph-Henry; ***5th*** - King William
High Individuals - 1st - Andrew Colson, Signal Knob; ***2nd*** - David Newman, Carroll Co. Int.; ***3rd*** - Aaron Hall, Carroll Co. Int.

Senior Forestry Judging
1st - Nelson Co. HS - Team members: Aubrey Thompson, Jonathan Mays, Billy Hughes, Katie Clayton, and Coach Mr. Ed McCann
2nd - Essex; ***3rd*** - Appomattox; ***4th*** - Carroll County; ***5th*** - James River
High Individuals - 1st - Jonathan Mays, Nelson HS; ***2nd*** - Robyn Dustin, Essex; ***3rd*** - Sean Fariss, Essex

Junior Parliamentary Procedure *1st*
- Pulaski HS - Team members: BJ Boothe, Jarred Lawson, Brittany Branch, Nichole Whittfield, Kory Wirt, Evan Jeuck, Travis Viers, Cara Beth Dalton, and Coach Mr. Mike Cox
2nd - Elkton MS; ***3rd*** - Tunstall; ***4th*** - Caroline MS

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Sentinel - Evan Jueck - Pulaski
1st Committee Chair - Lee Ann Williams - Elkton MS
2nd Committee Chair - Cara Beth Dalton - Pulaski

Senior Parliamentary Procedure -
1st - Fort Defiance- Team members: Robbie Hinkle, Wendy Slusher, Caitlyn McAnulty, Brittany Stansberry, Aaron Shiflett, Travis Moyers, and Coach Mr. Andy Seibel
2nd - Buffalo Gap; ***3rd*** - Central HS; ***4th*** - John S. Battle
Appalachian Area - John S. Battle; Central - Culpeper Sr.;Northern - Fort Defiance

Soils Judging
1st - Powhatan

Small Engine Troubleshooting
1st - Jeremy Thompson, Nelson Co. HS

Tractor Troubleshooting
1st - Atlee - Jason Jukes and Brandon Terry

Todd Sadler, President

Hello VA FFA. My name is Todd Sadler and this year I will proudly serve you as your state president. I am 18 years old and have been a member of the FFA since 7th grade. In high school I was a member of the National Honor Society and the high school soccer team. I am also a member of the local volunteer rescue squad and have held my EMT certification for a year. I am extremely honored to serve you and look forward to meeting you, the members.

Mandy Lambert, Secretary

Hello Virginia FFA! My name is Mandy Lambert and it is my privilege to be serving as this year's state secretary. In June of 2001 I graduated from Turner Ashby High School. During my high school career I was involved in numerous school clubs including NHS, PTSA, SCA, and Art Club. I've also been a staff member for my school newspaper, yearbook, and literary magazine. While in FFA I participated in Public Speaking, Parliamentary Procedure, Poultry Judging and Agricultural Issues. I have an older sister and a younger brother. This fall I will be a freshman at Virginia Tech majoring in Agricultural Education. I am excited about the coming year and look forward to meeting FFA members across the state. Until then keep smiling and keep reaching for the stars!

Matthew Spears, Appalachian Area Vice President

Hello Virginia FFA! I am your Appalachian AreaVice-President for 2001-02. My name is Matthew Spears and I am 19 years old. I graduated from Carroll County High School class of 2000. I plan to attend the Eastern School of Farriery next year to become a professional farrier.

Amanda Mann, Central Area Vice President

Hello, Virginia FFA! I'm Amanda Mann and I am your Central Area Vice President. I recently graduated from Louisa County High School and I will be attending Piedmont Virginia Community College this fall. I plan to major in education and become an elementary teacher. To tell you a bit about myself, I was an active member of the Louisa FFA Chapter and enjoyed Career Development Events such as public speaking, parliamentary procedure and floral design. In my free time, I am a volunteer at St. Mary's hospital and I am also a Girl Scout. My favorite flower is the daisy and I love to fish! I also enjoy spending time with my family and camping. I am excited to be serving as a state officer this year and I encourage you, the members, to strive to reach new heights in Virginia FFA!

Carly Tilson, Eastern Area Vice President

Hello Virginia FFA! My name is Carly Tilson and I am honored to be serving as your Eastern Area Vice President. I graduated from Dinwiddie High School in June of 2001. In school, I stayed active with FFA, National Honor Society, Ruri-teens, and 4-H. In the fall I will be attending Virginia Tech, majoring in Agricultural Education with a minor in Mathematics. I enjoy playing piano, being with my friends, but most of all I love riding my horse, teaching riding lessons, and training horses. I look forward to meeting many of you this coming year and I wish you all the best of luck with your endeavors.

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Some of today's top music acts roll into town for the 2001 National FFA Convention

Jessica Andrews

Diamond Rio

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Chris Cagle

Plus an interview with former FFA member Toby Keith!

Men in black

Montgomery Gentry lives up to its "outlaw" label

Montgomery Gentry

This Kentucky-based duo of Eddie Montgomery and Troy Gentry has been playing its upfront style of music—sometimes referred to as "outlaw country"—since their days as kids on the farm. These days, their audience has grown considerably. Their debut record, "Tattoos and Scars," is still selling like hotcakes, and the duo cleaned up at the Academy of County Music awards.

"If people want to put us in that category as being outlaws, that's okay with us," Troy says. "You're talking about Waylon and Willie, Johnny Cash, Kris Kristofferson, Hank Jr., Hank Sr., Charlie Daniels Band, the Allman Brothers and Skynyrd. We couldn't be in any better company than those guys. That's where the Montgomery Gentry sound comes from. Those were the guys that influenced our music, and the stuff we grew up playing."

Eddie and Troy both grew up in families where music was a part of life. Soon after finishing high school, they became friends and, along with John Michael Montgomery (Eddie's also-famous brother), started a band called Young Country.

John Michael soon left for Nashville with a record deal in hand. Meanwhile, Eddie and Troy, as a duo, were attracting their own crowd. So they left for Nashville and got their own record deal.

Since then, there has been no end to the hits and the crowds. Their new record, "Carrying On," will keep this duo in the spotlight for some time to come. ★

Concert details

HEADLINER: MONTGOMERY GENTRY
OPENER: JESSICA ANDREWS
DATE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25
TIME: ENTIRE CONCERT WILL BE STAGED TWICE, FIRST AT 5 P.M. AND AGAIN AT 9:30 P.M.
LOCATION: BROADBENT ARENA (ON THE NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION GROUNDS)
TICKETS: $17, AVAILABLE BY CALLING THE NATIONAL FFA SUPPLY SERVICE AT 888-332-2668

Who I am

Meet 17-year-old Jessica Andrews, a rising star named the top new female vocalist in 2000 by the Academy of Country Music

Jessica Andrews

Since the age of 10, Jessica Andrews has been singing in front of people. Since the age of 16, she has been singing in front of the world, most recently on tours with Tim McGraw, Trisha Yearwood and Faith Hill.

On the heels of her recent "Who I Am" CD, Jessica is one of the most popular teenage stars in the music world. Though you'll find her CDs in the country music section of record stores, there's definitely a wider appeal.

About the song "Karma," which is on the new CD, Jessica says: "This song is so cool and different than anything out there, pop or country. It just makes me laugh when I hear it. It's got a funky beat and lots of quirkiness. A lot of people tell me it's their favorite song on the record."

If you're fan of "Dawson's Creek", you've probably heard her dreamy song "Show Me Heaven," which is on the show's soundtrack.

A native of Huntingdon, Tennessee, Jessica's life so far has been anything but normal. At the age of 10, she won a talent contest by singing Dolly Parton's "I Will Always Love You." Two years later, DreamWorks Records signed her. Just two years after that, she made her first recording. Now, as a high school student who is taught on the tour bus by her mother, Jessica's life is as non-traditional as her music. ★

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Ten years of magic

Diamond Rio celebrates a decade of music making

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The band—made up of singer Marty Roe, guitarist Jimmy Olander, bassist Dana Williams, keyboardist Dan Truman, mandolin player Gene Johnson and drummer Brian Prout—has always been known as a band of great musicians.

But on their new record, "One More Day," it's their vocals that are drawing attention. On top of the record's wide range of songs—everything from pop to bluegrass to ballads—the band members collaborate on harmony vocals that take the energy to a new level.

Part of Diamond Rio's success—which includes 19 top-ten country hits and induction into the Grand Ole Opry—stems from the fact that they always keep their listeners in mind when putting songs together.

On the new record, there's a song called "Stuff." "This song is fun," Marty says, "but at the same time, it's absolutely true. I listen to it and I go, 'Yep. I got a garage full of stuff, and I got an attic full of stuff that I'll never throw away.' And I think everyone can relate to that."

Diamond Rio

Concert details

HEADLINER: DIAMOND RIO
OPENER: CHRIS CAGLE
DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26
TIME: 5 P.M.
LOCATION: BROADBENT ARENA (ON THE NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION GROUNDS)
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Play it loud

Chris Cagle

Chris Cagle's hard-edged music catches on

Born in Louisiana and raised in Texas, Chris Cagle started messing around with the guitar during his senior year in high school. He quickly started learning songs off the radio. When he enrolled in college the next year, music had become an obsession, so he left for Nashville.

With some solid advice from his grandfather-"Do one thing better than anyone else. And when you gamble, bet the ranch, but make sure you bet on yourself."-Chris pursued his dream. While he worked odd jobs to pay the bills, he worked endlessly on developing his songwriting skills.

His talent for creating music with a rough edge and meaningful lyrics caught the attention of a record company executive, who asked Chris to do a recording. The result is "Play It Loud," his high energy CD that includes such hits as "Laredo" and "My Love Goes On And On."

"I tried to put as much emotion and passion into the record as possible because that's who I am," Chris says. "I love deeply and I hurt deeper. I want to create music that people can love to, hurt to, dance to and always want to listen to."

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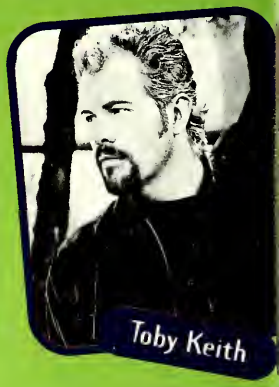

A conversation with Toby Keith

Since his performance at last year's national FFA convention, Toby Keith's status as country music "star" has changed to "superstar." In that time, the Academy of Country Music honored Toby with two major awards—top male vocalist and album of the year. His new single, "Talkin' About Tonight" (from the newly-released CD, "Pull My Chain") is climbing the charts as you read this. He spoke to us from Fargo, North Dakota, where his band was on a tour stop with Brooks & Dunn.

We heard that you are a former FFA member. True?
Yeah, I was a member of the Moore FFA Chapter in Oklahoma. My family had an acreage with horses.

How did you feel playing for FFA members at last year's national FFA convention?
That was fun. You know, somewhere along the line I lost my FFA jacket. My wife has kept hers, and I'm envious. I wish I still had mine.

Who were your favorite musicians growing up?
Lots of people. Everybody who was a singer and songwriter, I liked something they did. Jimmy Buffett, Merle Haggard, Bob Seger, The Eagles, stuff like that.

What were the early days of your music career like?
I played in little bitty taverns and things around my hometown. It was just a group of high school boys who got together and worked 50 or 60 songs up in the garage and then we'd go play for tips.

Tell us about your new CD that just came out in August.
I'm very happy with it. It's all attitude. At a time when radio stations were complaining they didn't have enough music with attitude, we've come in here and brought some attitude with "How Do You Like Me Now?" and "Country Comes to Town" and some of those things from the last record—and they worked really well. For the new record, we didn't reproduce those songs, we just brought more attitude to the table.

How does your songwriting process work?
I come up with an idea first and build from the inside out. The song is in its advanced stages before I really have to pick a guitar up.

Now that you've enjoyed great success, how do you view the rough parts of your career?
I had a tough ride, but I can't complain. Nothing was ever given to us. We had to fight for everything we got.

And now you're doing what you want to do.
Exactly.

Do you have any advice for today's youth?
Do the right thing. It's tough out there—there's tremendous peer pressure. Check your ego at the door and don't be afraid to stand up for what you think is right. ★

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Chad Brooks, Northern Area Vice President

Hello! My name is Chad Brooks and I'm proud to be serving you as your 2001-2002 Northern Area Vice President. I am a student at Virginia Tech in the Agriculture Technology Program. My hobbies and interests are working on race cars, crusin' in my lifted Toyota, playing all sports and just having fun. I look forward to seeing and meeting you through chapter visits and other events. Good luck in the coming year!

Brandon Shively, Southside Area Vice President

My name is Brandon Shively from the Laurel Park FFA Chapter. I will be serving you as your Southside Area Vice President. I am 18 years old. During my four years in high school I was a member of the cross country, wrestling, track and soccer teams. I love playing sports, going to church and meeting people. I hope to meet you all very soon. FFA members, I would like you to challenge you to stay involved in school and capture the excitement each day brings.

Mindy Haymaker, Reporter

Greetings Virginia FFA! My name is Mindy E. Haymaker and I am honored to be serving as your 2001-2002 State Reporter! I graduated from Sherando High School in '99, since then I have been attending Lord Fairfax Community College. There I am working towards my general studies degree. I am also attending J. Sergeants Reynolds Community College of Richmond VA via Internet. I am pursuing an associate's degree in Opticianry. When I'm not working or going to class I love participating in Civil War re-enactments with my family, going fishing out on the Shenandoah River with my dad, or up to our cabin with my two brothers to go hunting. I enjoy riding my 4-wheeler, or turning a couple of barrels on my horse "Bandit". I am looking forward to an exciting year in the Virginia FFA Association and being able to serve as your Reporter. If you are ever up my way remember you always have a friend with a big heart and a smiling face in Winchester that you can count on.

Jaclyn Roller, Treasurer

Hello Virginia FFA! My name is Jaclyn Roller and Ihave the honor of serving as your 2001-2002 Virginia FFA Association Treasurer. I am a 2001 graduate of Strasburg High School. While a high school student, I was very active in many organizations. My senior year I served as our chapter FFA president, National Honor Society vice president, SCA student coordinator, and was a member of the homecoming court! Currently I am holding the title of Miss Strasburg Honorary Fire and Rescue Chief and Miss Out-of-Town Winner Honorary Fire and Rescue Chief. Throughout high school I enjoyed playing volleyball and my senior year I made all-district setter. In my free time I love public speaking, spending time with my friends, family, and especially my boyfriend! Of course, like most girls, I ove to shop! This fall I will be a freshman at Virginia Tech majoring in agriculture education. I am very excited about this coming year and I hope since you know a little more about me, I can get to meet and know more about all of you!

Aaron Spaid, Sentinel

Hello Virginia FFA! I am Aaron Spaid and I'll be serving you as the 2001-2002 State Sentinel. I am 19 years old and currently attend Lord Fairfax Community College. I plan to transfer to Virginia Tech and major in Agricultural Education. I also like playing football, hiking, camping and weight lifting. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you this year. Always remember you can go anywhere from where you are if you are willing to dream big and work hard.

2001 State FFA Convention Results

Ag Issues- 1st- Rocbridge- Team members: Carrie Beverley, Jessie Cash, Jennifer Leech, Martha Smith, Lindsay Kelly, and Coach Mrs. Shannon Dryden; 2nd- Turner Ashby; 3rd - Culpeper; 4th - Smith Mountain; 5th - Louisa

Ag Mechanics - 1st - John S. Battle: Team Members: Darrell Dickinson, Barry Musick, Josh Murray, and Coach Mr. Scott Cole; 2nd - Floyd Co.; 3rd - Carroll Co.; 4th - Fort Defiance; 5th - Sherando; High Individuals - 1st - Josh Murray, John S. Battle; 2nd - Anthony Leonard, Carroll Co.; 3rd - Darrell Dickonson, John S. Battle; 4th - John Garland, Floyd; 5th - Ryan Phillips, Floyd; 6th - Eric Baily, Fort Defiance; 7th - Bryan Phillips, Louisa; 8th - Steven Mason, Carroll Co.; 9th - Andrew Settle, James Wood; 10th - Matt Arey, Fort Defiance

Ag Sales - 1st - Central HS - Team members: Jarris Sperry, Shane Delawder, Josh Stephens, Brett Wightman, and Coach Mr. George Bowers; High Individuals - 1st- Jarris Sperry, Central; 2nd- Christy Huffman, James Wood; 3rd- Lindsey Teemley, James Wood; 4th- Amanda Rinker, James Wood; 5th- Jason Shultz, Riverheads; 6th- Amy Sites, Fort Defiance; 7th- Shane Delawder, Central; 8th- Brett Wightman, Central; 9th- Emily Raney, Turner Ashby; 10th - Frank Dull, Riverheads

Ag Science & Mechanics - 1st - Sherando - Team members: Kyle Farrior, Kevin Jones, Nick Brittain, and Coach Mr. Phil Fravel; 2nd - Floyd Co.; 3rd - Appomattox Co.; 4th - Carroll Co.; 5th - Luray; High Individuals - 1st - Kyle Farrior, Sherando; 2 - Raymond Harris, Appomattox; 3rd - Logan Boyd, Floyd Co.; 4th - Jacob Wade, Floyd Co.; 5th - David Newman, Carroll Co. Int.; 6th - Trey Reynolds, Tunstall; 7th - Jay Paulette, Appomattox; 8th - Nick Brittain, Sherando; 9th - Aaron Hall, Carroll Co. Int.; 10th - John Burner, Luray

Agriscience Technology Mechanics (Middle School) - 1st - R.E. Aylor MS- Team Members: Nick Britton, Paul Poston, Justin Brabson, John Ritter, and Coach Mrs. Kim Black; 2nd - William Clark; 3rd - S.G. Stewart MS

Companion/Small Animal- 1st- James Wood MS- Team members: Tiffany Innes, Brittany Larrick, Stephanie Delgado, Jessie Grubs, and Coach Ms. Ann Cooley;2nd - R. E. Aylor; 3rd - Park View MS

Computer Applications - 1st - Stephen Deci, Signal Knob MS; 2nd - Matt Cecil, King William; 3rd - Laura Stracener, Fauquier; 4th - Susan Hinson, Lakeland; 5th - Ashley Rose, Tazewell; 6th - James Killen, Turner Ashby; 7th - Jason Simmons, Lord Botetourt

Creed Speaking - 1st - Ashley Shifflett, S.G. Stewart MS; 2nd - Tim Custer, Christiansburg MS; 3rd - Erin Tilson, Dinwiddie, Central Area Winner - Amy Burgess, Fauquier, Southside Area Winner - Wes Smallwood, Drewry Mason

Crops Sr. Division - 1st - Randolph-Henry - Team members: Terra Bailey, Julie Tams, John Tuck, Mark Blount, and Coach Mr. George Jones; 2nd - Nelson Co. Sr., 3rd - Appomattox; 4th- Central HS; 5th - Nelson CO. MS; High Individuals - 1st - Ed McCann, Jr., Nelson So. Sr.; 2nd - John Tuck, Randolph-Henry; 3rd - Douglas Harris, Appomattox Sr. 4th (tie) - Julie Tams, Randolph- Henry and Mark Blount, Randolph-Henry; 6th (tie)- Preston Massie, Nelson Sr. and Rebecca Coffman, Central HS; 8th - Michael Cunningham, Appomattox; 9th - Jared Price, Appomattox, 10th - Jessica Ligon, Nelson MS

JR. Division Crops - 1st - Nelson Co. MS - Team members: Vanessa Miller, Amanda Hite, Jessica Ligon, and Coach Mr Scott Massie; 2nd- Central MS; 3rd - Abingdon; 4th- Rustburg MS; 5th - Carroll Co. Int.; Jr. High individuals - 1st - Jessica Ligon, Nelson MS; 2nd- Vanessa Miller, Nelson MS; 3rd- Chris Dean, Central MS, 4th- John Hobbs, Abingdon; 5th- Chris Booker, Rustburg MS; 6th- Misty Lee, Central MS, 7th - Tim Maxey, Rustburg MS; 8th- Sarah Helms, Carroll Co. Int.; 9th- Ann Marie Rice, Central MS; 10th- Waylon Boardwine, Abingdon

Dairy Sr. Division- 1st- Turner Ashby - Team members: Vince Rhodes, Megan Switzer, Anthony Rhodes, Chad Craun, and Coach Mrs. Terry Lam2nd- Buffalo Gap; 3rd- Sherando; 4th- Loudon Valley; 5th- S.G. Stewart MS; Sr. High Individuals- 1st- Eric Paulson, Spotswood; 2nd- Karla Short, Sherando, 3rd- Anthony Rhodes, Turner Ashby; 4th- Chad Craun, Turner Ashby; 5th- Audrey Fuller, Buffalo Gap; 6th- Zach Waldron, Buffalo Gap; 7th- Elizabeth Fuller, Buffalo Gap; 8th- Evan Shifflett, S.G. Stewart MS; 9th- Crystal Folmar, Loudon Valley; 10th- Kortni Henderlite, Sherando

Dairy Jr Division- 1st- Sherando- Team members: Kortni Henderlite, Brittany Ginn, Aliza White, Karla Short, and Coach Mrs. Christina Whitacre; 2nd- S. G. Stewart MS; 3rd- Floyd Co.; 4th- Peter Muhlenberg MS; 5th- Montevideo; Jr. High Individuals- 1st- Karla Short, Sherando; 2nd- Kortni Henderlite, Sherando; 3rd- Evan Shifflett, S.G. Stewart MS; 4th- Darrell Lester, Floyd Co; 5th- Ciera Sowers, Floyd Co.; 6th- Kyle Symons, S.G. Stewart MS; 7th- Brittany Ginn, Sherando; 8th- Aliza White, Sherando; 9th- Sarah Roy, Montevideo MS; 10th- Matt Bailey, S.G. Stewart MS

Dairy Showmanship - 1st- Jill Craun, Turner Ashby; 2nd- Angela Hinton, Riverheads; 3rd - Megan Miller, Riverheads

Extemporaneous Public Speaking - 1st - Todd Sadler, Caroline; 2nd - Julia Gardner, Turner Ashby; 3rd - Adam Cole, Holston; 4th - Miller Ruff, Bluestone

Farm Business Management- 1st Nelson Sr. - Team members: April Powers, Bo Granato, Clay Seay, Chris Clayton, and Coach Mr. Charles Johnson; 2nd- George Wythe; 3rd- Sherando; 4th- Fort Defiance; High Individuals - 1st- Chris Clayton, Nelson Sr.; 2nd - Clay Seay, Nelson Sr.; 3rd - Bo Granato, Nelson Sr.; 4th - Cara Bland, Sherando; 5th- Walter Midkiff, George Wythe; 6th - April Powers, Nelson Sr.; 7th - Jared Fisher, George Wythe; 8th - Laura Hulver, Sherando; 9th - Aaron Shiflett, Fort Defiance; 10th - Caitlyn McAnultyr, Fort Defiance

Floriculture - 1st- Laurel Park - Team Members: Brandon Shively, Timmy Wilson, Lane Toler, and Coach Mrs Deborah Barker, 2nd- John S. Battle; 3rd - Randolph-Henry; 4th- Liberty; 5th- James Wood; High Individuals- 1st- Brandon Shively, Laurel Park; 2nd- Lane Toler, Laurel Park; 3rd- Timmy Wilson, Laurel Park; 4th- Christy Whitaker, John S. Battle; 5th- Hannah Sproles, John S. Battle; 6th- Kellie Gates, John S. Battle; 7th- Kristen Duffer, Randolph-Henry; 8th - Ashley Wingate, John S. Battle; 9th- Stacey Geesaman, Randolph-Henry; 10th- Missy Butcher, James Wood

Food & Fiber - 1st - R.E. Aylor MS - Team members: Logan Thompson, Roger Ballenger, John Hammond, Brian Jones, and Coach Ms. Pam Hogmire; 2nd - W.R. Legge; 3rd - Montevideo

Horse Evaluation Sr. Division - 1st - Tazewell - Team members: Sandy Perry, Terisa McGuire, Allison Osborne, Jeremy Tibbs, and Coach Mr. Bob Moss; 2nd - Dinwiddie; 3rd - Randolph-Henry; 4th - Rockbridge; 5th - Sherando; Sr High Individuals - 1st - Teresa McGuire, Tazewell; 2nd - Sandy Perry, Tazewell; 3rd - Jo Butterworth, Dinwiddie; 4th - Leah Waliky, Fort Defiance; 5th - Candace Pride, Buckingham; 6th - Shovaun Graham, Sheradno; 7th - Casey Hale, Randolph-Henry; 8th - Erin Tilson, Dinwiddie; 9th (tie) - Mary Ricciono, Rockbridge and Brandon Barney, Appomattox

Horse Evaluation Jr. Division - 1st - Wilbur S. Pence - Team Members: John Pugh, Josh Runion, Chad Funkhouser, Cindy Koontz, and Coach Mr. Mike Long; 2nd - R.E. Aylor; 3rd - S.G. Stewart, 4th - Carroll County Int.; 5th - Signal Knob; Jr. High Individuals - 1st - Chad Funkhouser, Wilbur S. Pence; 2nd - Leah Marshall, S.G. Stewart ;3rd - Keighley Smith, R.E. Aylor; 4th - John Pugh, Wilbur S Pence; 5th - Josh Runion, Wilbur S Pence; 6th - Emily Wilkins, R.E. Aylor, 7th - Crystal Lease, R.E. Aylor; 8th - Brandon Priest, Carroll Co. Int ; 9th - Jessica Putnam, Signal Knob; 10th - Emily Ritenour, R.E. Aylor

Horticulture - 1st- Laurel Park - Team members: Brandon Shively, Joe Reynolds, Timmy Wilson, Tiffany Wilson, Lane Toler, Ashley Collins, John Keatts, and Coach Mrs. Deborah Barker; 2nd- Appomattox Sr.

Livestock Sr. Division -1st- Buffalo Gap - Team members: Jami lyle, Jonathan Riley, Jimmy Crosby, Brad Hewitt, and Coach Mrs. Shirley Kaufman; nd- Fort Defiance; 3rd- Rural Retreat, 4th- Riverheads; 5th- George Wythe; Sr. High Individuals- 1st- Rachel Swortzel, Stuarts Draft; 2nd- Scott Rubush, Fort Defiance; 3rd- Jami Lyle, Buffalo Gap; 4th- Brad Hewitt, Buffalo Gap; 5th- Hunter Musser, Rural Retreat; 6th- Jessica Johnstone, George Wythe; 7th- Will Earhart, S.G. Stewart; 8th (tie) - Joes Reid, Floyd Co., and Chris Potter, Rockbridge; 10th- Jonathan Coleman, Riverheads

Livestock Jr. Division- 1st- S.G. Stewart MS - Team members: Ashley Michael, Willie Patterson, Will Earhart, Meagan Carpenter, and Coach Ms. Darla Miller; 2nd- Carroll Co. Int.; 3rd- Pulaski; 4th- Randolph-Henry; 5th- Signal Knob; Jr. High Individuals- 1st- Will Earhart, S.G. Stewart; 2nd- Evan Jueck, Pulaski; 3rd- Mike Corbin, Randolph-Henry; 4th- Seth Leath, Carroll Co. Int.; 5th- Meagan Carpenter, SG Stewart MS; 6thRob Ridgeway, Randolph-Henry; 7th- Jonathan Delp, Carroll Co. Int.; 8th- Willie Patterson, S.G. Stewart; 9th (tie) - Nick Bowers, Signal Knob, and Ashley Michael, S.G. Stewart

Marketing Plan - 1st - Fort Defiance - Team Members: Jeremy Arey, Maribeth Robertson, Lindsey Cline, and Coach Mr. Andy Seibel; 2nd - Turner Ashby

Meats Sr. Division -1st- Nelson Co. HS - Team members: Jeremy Thompson, Nathan Roberts, Emily Bell, Matt Turner, and Coach Mr. Ed McCann; 2nd - James Wood; 3rd - Central HS; 4th - Luray; 5th - Spotswood; Sr. High Individuals - 1st - Jeremy Thompson, Nelson Sr., 2nd- Rachael Smith, James Wood; 3rd - Jared Burner, Luray; 4th - Emily Bell, Nelson Co.; 5th - Laura Neff, Peyer Muhlenberg; 6th - Amy Strickler, James Wood; 7th - Allen Heishman, Central HS; 8th - Matt Turner, Nelson Co.; 9th - Nathan Roberts, Nelson Co.; 10th - Allyson Copp, Central HS

Meats Jr. Division - 1st - James Wood - Team Members: Rachael Smith, Daniel Rinker, Amy Smith, and Coach Mr. Ken Smith; 2nd - Peter Muhlenberg; 3 - Nelson Co. MS; 4th - Signal Knob Jr. High Individuals - 1st - Rachael Smith, James Wood; 2nd - Laura Neff,Peter Muhlenberg; 3rd - Amy Strickler, James Wood; 4th - Daniel Rinker, James Wood; 5th - Michelle McCann, Nelson MS; 6th - Austin Fitzgerald, Nelson MS; 7th - Amanda Hudson, Nelson MS, 8th - Joshua Kibler, Peter Muhlenberg; 9th - John Morris, Nelson MS; 10th - Greg Smith, Signal Knob

Nursery Landscape - 1st - John S. Battle - Team Members: Courtney Barker, Lawrence Cox, Junior Hensley and Coach Mr. Phil McCroskey; 2nd - Chesterfield Tech. Ctr.; 3rd - Appomattox, 4th - Laurel Park; 5th - Sherando; High Individuals - 1st - Joe Reynolds, Laurel Park; 2nd - Courtney Barker, John S. Battle; 3rd - Bobby Cherry, Chesterfield Tech. Ctr.; 4th - Kris Ketchersid, Appomattox; 5th - Lawrence Cox, John S. Battle; 6th - Junior Hensley, John S. Battle; 7th - David Durning, Chesterfield Tech. Ctr.; 8th - Daniel Bailey, Appomattox; 9th - Charity Dudley, Bedford Sci & Tech. Ctr.; 10th - Jeremy Goodrich, Chesterfield Tech. Ctr.

Plant, Seed & Fruit ID - 1st - James Wood MS - Team Members: Kyley Clevenger, Colby Yates, Lindsey Willett, Amanda Sirbaugh, and Coach Mr. John Borst; 2nd - W.R. Legge MS; 3rd - Nelson MS

Sr Division Poultry - 1st -Sherando - Team Members: Jimmy Huffman, Bruce Dunlap, Travis Scheuler, Autumn Fuller, and Coach Mr. Mark Hawkins; 2nd- Turner Ashby; 3rd - Central HS; 4th - Stonewall Jackson; 5th - Spotswood; Sr. High Individuals - 1st - Autumn Fuller, Sherando, 2nd - Bradley Shifflett, Turner Ashby; 3rd - Jimmy Huffman, Sherando; 4th - Brooke Kemper,Spotswood; 5th- Cindy Koontz, Wilbur S. Pence, 6th - Bruce Dunmap, Sherando; 7th - Marci Hilbert, Broadway; 8th - Andrea Manderville, Turner Ashby; 9th - Jordan Liskey, Turner Ashby, 10th - Mandy George, Central HS;

Jr. Division Poultry - 1st - Peter Muhlenberg - Team members: Eigene Sager, Randall Coleman, Bryant Gochenour, and Coach Mr. Randy Ward; 2nd - Wilbur S. Pence; 3rd - Elkton MS; Jr. High Individuals - 1st - Cindy Koontz, Wilbur S. Pence; 2nd - Eugene Sager, Peter Muhlenberg; 3rd - Sarah Joseph, Elkton MS; 4th - Bryant Gochenour, Peter Muhlenberg; 5th - Randall Coleman, Peter Muhlenberg; 6th - Robert Fadley, Wilbur S. Pence; 7th - Eric Life, Elkton MS; 8th - Travis Crowe, Wilbur S. Pence; 9th - Cory Merica, Elkton MS; 10th - James Hall, Wilbur S. Pence

Junior Prepared Public Speaking - 1st - Allison Smith, Christiansburg MS; 2nd - Tonya Pruitt, Tunstall; 3rd - Allen Heishman, Central HS; Eastern Area Winner - Julie Johnson, King William; Central Area Winner - Grahm Kirby, Atlee

Senior Prepared Public Speaking - 1st - Nathan Royster, Amelia; 2nd - Mark Clabaugh, Floyd; 3rd - Laurel Alexander, Dinwiddie; Central Area Winner - Matthew Rowe, Northumberland; Northern Area Winner - Jamie Heishman, Stonewall Jackson

Quiz Bowl - Written - 1st - E.W. Wyatt - Team members: Anthony Wilson, John Matthews, Ashley Epps, Adam Aerni, and Coach Mrs. Teresa Lindberg; 2nd - James Wood MS, 3rd - SG Stewart

Tractor Operators - 1st - Durand Pruitt, Chatham

2001 State FFA Degree Recipients

Appalachian Area
Abingdon
Waylon L. Boardwine

Bland
Eric Gray
Ann Renee' Shupe

Carroll Co.
Lauren Chatwood
Pam Edwards
Aaron Horton
Danielle Ledger
Adam J. Mount

Christiansburg
David Vance Dunn
Steven Ernest Lowe Jr.
Christopher L. Martin

Floyd
Robert James Belcher
Mark Gregory Clabaugh
Justin Marshall McPeak

Fort Chiswell
Matthew Scott Martin

George Wythe
Cole L. Bennett
Daniel Chase Corvin
Jared Fisher
Jeremy Matthew Hagee
Walter P. Midkiff
Jessie Lee Shupe

Grayson Co.
Jimmy Eugene Bund
Anita L. Brewer
Tasha R. Edwards
Allen Odell Horton
Joseph Mabe
Jeremy Kenneth Spencer

Holston
James Anthony Alexander
Khala Suzanne Doss
Eric Bruce Gobble
Kimberly Yarber Gregory

John S. Battle
Darrell Dickenson
Christy Michelle Fields
Brittany LeAnna Ketron
Nathan C. Leonard
Matthew Seth Shuffler
Jessica Shortt
Shannon Joell Umberger

Pulaski
Courtney Jane Farris
Broderick Stuart Wayne Havens
Chaze Breeden Hopkins
Whitney Kathenne Reece

Richlands
Johnathan Matthew Shannon

Tazewell
Dennis Leeneel Brown
John Fisher
Matthew C. Irvin
Aaron Mullins
Byrchel Poskas III

Central Area
Atlee
Charles Ryan Beck
Grayson W. Kirby
Elizabeth Rebecca Kocsis
Jared H. Lloyd
James Logan
Jarrod Brandon Reames
Meredith Stanley

Caroline HS
Todd Sadler

Culpeper
William D. Alvey
Fauquier
William Raymond Kemper
Alexis McColl

Louisa
Ananda Mane Mann
Buck Thomas Page
Ronald E. Sharpe III
Charles T. Thurmann II
Kirby A. Woolfolk

Massaponax
Cynthia Dodd

Nelson
Christopher G. Clayton
Justin R. Durkee
Jeremy E. Thompson

Northumberland
Randy Dodson
Dudrien Jones
Jason Lowery
Casey Rogers

Eastern Area
Dinwiddie
Jo Catherine Butterworth
James Vick
Essex
Sylvia Hope Balderson
Robyn Lynn Dustin

King William
Robert Lee Nester
Robert Buckner Rice
Tiffany Thompson
Travares Lamar Vessels
Dajohn Washington

Northern Area
Broadway
Marci Hilbert
Tara Elizabeth Sellers

Buffalo Gap
Clyde Bowers
Jeffrey Campbell
Amanda Coyner
Bobby Drumheller
Crystal Halkovich
Nick Hildebrand
Hock Jones
Bryan Lawhorne
Noel B. McManaway
Jeremy Nance
James W. Ramsey II
Ashley L. Simmons
Central
Vic L. Heishman
Alesia Dawn Hovatter
Renee Sine
Jarris Sperry

Clarke Co.
Josh Crim
Maria Lynn LeCrone
John Orndorff
Jennifer Staples
Andrew Surface
Timothy Tomblin
Jennifer Waddell

Fort Defiance
Shane Michael Farrers
Chad Edward Garland
Bryan Glass
Robbie Hinkle
John Rahn Kegley III
Byron Harper Phillips
Emily Sue Shifflett
Donald Lee Smith
Jennifer Lynn Thompson
Justin I Via

James Wood
Ross Grant Hewitt
Rachel Nydam
Laura Robinson
Justin Spaid

Lord Botetourt
Shane French Staples

Loudoun Valley
Meaghan Colleen Buteler
Bret Wilson Flynn
Crystal May Folmar
Ryan T. Lutman
Cassandra Timbrook

Luray
Joe Foltz

Ravenheads
Franklin Kenton Dull
Angela F. Hinton
Erin M. Lowery
Megan N. Miller
Bryan Scott Shomo

Rockbridge
Jennifer A. Showalter
Martha Smith

Sherando
Cara Bland
Matthew Stephen Moore
Sarah Dawn Orndorff
Melissa Gail Sumption

Spotswood
M. Elizabeth Doffemyer
Christopher Robert Threewitts
Alex Andrew Welsh

Stuarts Draft
Jared Wayne Almarode
Josh Angus
Erika Reena Brooks
Joshua William Brown
Michael Dwight Harmon
Jon Smith

Turner Ashby
Lindsay Cole Brubaker
Catherine Crenshaw
Julia Ruth Gardner
Amanda Lambert
Kate Lindsay
Tiffany Dawn Reeves
Vincent Miller Rhodes
Bradley McVene Shifflett
Clayborne Preston Shiflet II
Daniel Will
Jayme Weeks

Wilson Memorial
Adam McCune
Eric Painter
James G. Snyder

Southside Area
Amelia
Daniel M. Bailey
Adam Barnard
Thomas C. Easter
Erik Matthews
Daniel Parsons
Terry Poe, Jr.
Brandon L. Ramsey
Daniel William Robertson
Randall C. Smith, Jr. Matthew Townsend

Appomattox
Brandon Barney
Douglas C. Harris
Dustin S. Reynolds

Bluestone
Brett Willis Bowen
Christopher N. Clarke
Jason D. Cox
Simone Monet Smith
Paul David Stockwell

Chatham
Durand Pruitt
Gretna HS
Lucas R. Owen

Halifax
Clinton S. Comer
Benjamin Douglas Langford

Laurel Park
Corey Earles
Jeremy Hundley
Brandon Shively
Lane Toler
Austin Wells
Timothy Tyler Wilson
Magna Vista
Delbert Allen Jackson

Randolph-Henry
Robert E. Dixon, II
Casey Ann Hale
Jean Marie Tams
Kristopher Bryan Tuck

Smith Mountain
Michael W. Bailey
Brian Bays
Chris Chatfin
Dennis W. Gardner
Brian Sloan

2001 State Proficiency Award Winners

Agricultural Communications-
Entrepreneurship/ Placement• Jaclyn Roller - Strasburg - 1st • Martha Smith - Rockbridge - 2nd

Agricultural Processing- Entrepreneurship/ Placement
Brad Burton - Northumberand -1st • Randy Dodson - Northumberland - 2nd

Agricultural Sales - Placement
Matthew Griffin - Patrick Co. - 1st Mindy McCroskey - John Battle - 2nd • Steven Lowe - Christiansburg - 3rd

Beef Production- Entrepreneurship
Jason Arehart - Buffalo Gap - 1st • Jennifer Showalter - Rockbridge - 2nd • Lucas Owen - Gretna - 3rd

Beef Production- Placement
Donald Smith - Fort Defiance - 1st • Justin Via - Fort Defiance - 2nd • Jeb Wiemer - King William - 3rd

Dairy Production- Entrepreneurship
Renee Sine - Central - 1st • Shannon Umberger - George Wythe - 2nd • Courtney Farris - Pulaski - 3rd

Dairy Production- Placement
William Springston - Rowanty - 1st • Vincent Rhodes - Turner Ashby - 2nd • Shane Farren - Fort Defiance - 3rd

Diversified Crop Production-Placement
Adam Hostetler - Fort Defiance - 1st • Ryan Carlton - King William - 2nd

Diversified Agricultural Production
John Patterson - Fort Defiance - 1st • Donald Smith - Fort Defiance - 2nd • Lacy Burnette - Smith Mountain - 3rd

Diversified Horticulture - Placement
Matthew Moore - Sherando - 1st • David Bray - Northumberland - 2nd • Elizabeth Jordan - John Battle 3rd

Diversified Livestock Production- Entrepreneurship
Emily Curry - Buffalo Gap - 1st

Diversified Livestock Production- Placement
James Ramsey - Buffalo Gap - 1st • Donald Smith - Fort Deliance - 2nd • Marie Compton - Culpeper - 3rd

Emerging Agricultural Technology-
Entrepreneurship/ Placement • Eastern - Allen Cutchin - Lakeland - 2nd • Southside - Casey Hale - Randolph-Henry - 1st

Environmental Science & Natural Resource Mgt-
Entrepreneurship/ Placement • Central- Greg Jones - Northumberland - 1st • Eastern - Robyn Dustin - Essex - 2nd

Equine Science- Entrepreneurship
Central- Cynthia Dodd - Massaponax • Eastern - Carly Titson-Dinwiddie - 1st • Northern - Josh Brown - Stuarts Draft - 2nd Southside - Jean Marie Tams - Randolph-Henry - 3rd

Equine Science - Placement
Central- Ashley Crockrell - Northumberland • Northern - Micah Pugh - Turner Ashby - 2nd •Chris Wonderly - Fort Deliance - 3rd Southside - Brandon Barney - Appomattox -1st

Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production- Entrepreneurship/ Placement • Eastern - Jason Johnson - King William - 1st • Matthew Johnson - Lakeland - 2nd • Northern - Adam Hostetler - Fort Defiance - 3rd

Floriculture- Entrepreneurship/ Placement
Central - Elizabeth Kociss - Atlee - 1st • Southside - Brandon Shively - Laurel Park - 2nd

Food Science and Technology- Entrepreneurship/ Placement • Central - Louis Buttice III- Spotsylvania B Northern - Jessie Cash - Rockbridge - 1st

Forage Production- Entrepreneurship/ Placement
Central - Charles Thiemann - Louisa • Eastern - Ryan Carlton - King William - 1st • Northern - Matt Arey - Fort Deliance - 2nd • Southside - Durand Pruitt - Chatham - 3rd

Forest Management and Products - Entrepreneurship/ Placement • Central- Kirby Woollolk - Louisa - 3rd • Northern - Jonathan Pine - Turner Ashby - 1st •Southside - Timothy Wilson-Laurel Park - 2nd

Fruit and/or Vegetable Production- Entrepreneurship/ Placement •Appalachian - Travis Akers - Carroll Co. - 1st • Eastern - Tiffany Thompson - King William - 3rd • Southside - Brian Phillips - Patrick Co. - 2nd

Grain Production - Placement
Eastern - Jason Johnson - King William - 2nd • Northern - Andy Hostetler - Fort Defiance - 1st

Home and/or Community Development- Entrepreneurship/ Placement - no state winner • Northern - Travis Moyers - Fort Deliance

Landscape Management - Entrepreneurship/Placement
Appalachian - Jared Fisher - George Wythe - 1st • Central - Christian Nash - Northumberland • Northern - Brian Lawhorn - Buffalo Gap - 2nd •Jeffrey Thomas - Fort Defiance - 3rd

Nursery Operations-Entrepreneurship/Placement
Appalachian - India Rose Stebar - Christiansburg - 2nd • Eastern - Kevin Rudolph - King William - 1st

Outdoor Recreation-Entrepreneurship/Placement
Central- Casey Rogers - Northumberland - 1st • David O'Bier - Northumberland - 2nd • Eastern - Tiffany Thompson - King William • Northern - Chris Wonderly - Fort Defiance - 3rd

Poultry Production-Entrepreneurship/Placement
Northern - Rosalea Riley - Buffalo Gap - 1st • Ben Burton - Fort Defiance - 2nd

Sheep Production-Entrepreneurship/Placement
Appalachian - Courtney Farris - Pulaski - 1st • Central - Alexis McColl - Fauquier - 3rd • Northern - Emily Curry - Buffalo Gap - 2nd • Southside - Beth Craddock - Chatham

Small Animal Care-Entrepreneurship/Placement
Northern - Sarah Jane Rexroad - Sherando - 1st

Specialty Animal Production-Placement
Appalachian - Heather Dawn Mullins - Christiansburg HS • Central- James Martin - Northumberland - 2nd • Eastern - Robert Nester - King William - 1st • Northern - Luke Talley - Fort Defiance - 3rd •Southside - Jennie Leigh Martin - Dan River

Special Crop Production - Entrepreneurship/Placement
No state winner • Southside - Douglas Harris - Appomattox

Swine Production-Placement - no state winner
Central - Jonathan Acors - Spotsylvania

Turf Grass Management-Entrepreneurship/Placement
Appalachian - Bradford Litton - George Wythe - 1st • Central- Jason Deitz - Northumberland • Northern - Hock Jones - Buffalo Gap - 3rd • Southside - Joey Hoskins - Gretna - 2nd

Wildlife Management-Placement
Appalachian • Central • Eastern • Northern - Jennifer Leech - Rockbridge - 1st • Southside

Agri-Entrepreneurship Program
Ronnie Sharpe - Louisa HS

Agriscience Student
Appalachian - Jared Fisher - Gerorge Wythe - Overall • Central • Eastern • Northern - Ashley Shillett - Stewart MS - Middle School winner • Southside

Agriscience Teacher - Dan Swatford - Overall
Daria Miller - Middle School

HO Sargent Award
Dajohn Washington - King William

Computers in Agriculture
Matt Cecil - King William

Chapter Wildlife
Appalachian - Clintwood • Central - Fauquier •Eastern - King William - State winner • Northern - Strasburg • Southside - Central MS

Chapter Forestry
Appalachian - Clintwood • Central - Nelson Sr. - State winner • Eastern - King William • Northern - Turner Ashby • Southside - Laurel Park

Student Development
Appalachian- Abingdon • Central - Atlee •Eastern - King William • Northern - Central - State Winner •Southside - Laurel Park

Chapter Development
Appalachian - Christiansburg MS • Central - Culpeper HS - State Winner • Eastern - Essex •Northern - Buffalo Gap Southside - Randolph-Henry

National Chapter

1. Central HS
2. Nelson HS
3. Culpeper Sr
4. Atlee
5. Laurel Park
6. Randolph-Henry
7. Park View MS
8. Sherando
9. Strasburg
10. Buffalo Gap
11. R.E. Aylor MS
12. Turner Ashby
13. Signal Knob
14. Fort Defiance
15. Stonewall Jackson
16. James Wood
17. S.G Stewart MS
18. Beverley Manor
19. Abingdon
20. Christiansburg MS
21. Essex
22. King William
23. Drewry Mason
24. Halifax
25. Fauquier
26. Northumberland
27. EW Wyatt
28. Rockbridge
29. Clarke Co
30. Stuarts Draft
31. Peter Muhlenberg
32. Carroll Co.
33. C.L. Payne
34. Louisa MS
35. Nelson MS
36. Louisa HS
37. Culpeper MS
38. Massaponax
39. Spotsylvania

Community Development

Appalachian - Abingdon • Central - Nelson HS • Eastern - Essex• Northern - Central - State Winner • Southside - Laurel Park

Public Relations

Gold - Central - C.L. Payne • Louisa HS • Northumberland Eastern • Northern • Central - Elkton • Turner Ashby
Silver - Central - Culpeper Sr • Fauquier • Nelson Sr Eastern - E.W. Wyatt • King William • Northern - Buffalo Gap • Fort Deliance • James Wood • Peter Muhlenberg • Signal Knob • S.G. Stewart •Stonewall Jackson • Strasburg • SS • Dan River • Bronze - Central - Atlee • Massaponax • Eastern - Essex • Northern - North Fork • Riverheads • Stuarts Draft HS SS • Park View MS

Public Relations

Central - Louisa MS • Northern • SS -Drewry Mason

Star Farmers

Appalachian - Brittany Ketron - John S. Battle • Central - Charles Thiemann II - Louisa • Eastern - Sylvia Balderson - Essex • Northern - Jennifer Showalter - Rockbridge - State Star Southside - Brandon Shively - Laurel Park

Stars in Agribusiness

Appalachian - Jared Fisher - George Wythe - State Star
Central - Casey Rogers - Northumberland
Eastern - Buckner Rice - King William
Northern - Donald Smith - Fort Defiance
Southside - Lucas Owen - Gretna

Superior Chapters - (completed Form I)

Appalachian
Abingdon
Carroll Co. HS
Christiansburg HS
Christiansburg MS
George Wythe
Holston
Holston Horticulture

Central
Atlee
C.L. Payne
Culpeper HS
Culpeper MS
Fauquier
Louisa HS
Louisa MS
Massaponax
Nelson HS
Nelson MS
Northumberland
Spotsylvania

Eastern
Essex
E.W. Wyatt

King William

Northern
Arlington
Beverley Manor
Botertourt Technical Ed Ctr
Broadway
Buffalo Gap
Central
Clarke County
Elkton
Fort Defiance
James Wood
J. Frank Hillyard
Lord Botetourt
Loudoun County
North Fork
Peter Muhlenberg
Read Mountain
Robert E. Aylor
Rockbridge
Sherando
S.G. Stewart
Signal Knob
Spotswood

Stonewall Jackson
Strasburg
Turner Ashby
Stuarts Draft HS
William C. Clark
William S. Pence

Southside
Appomattox HS
Blairs
Bluestone HS
Central MS
Christiansburg
Dan River
Drewry Mason
George Wythe
Gretna HS
Halifax HS
Holston
Holston Horticulture
Laurel Park
Park View MS
Randolph-Henry
Smith Mountain
Tunstall

Chapter Development, Community Development and Student Development

Appalachian
Abingdon
Carroll Co. HS
Christiansburg MS

Central
Atlee
C L. Payne
Culpeper HS
Culpeper MS
Fauquier
Louisa HS
Louisa MS
Massaponax
Nelson HS
Nelson MS

Northumberland
Spotsylvania

Eastern
Essex
EW Wyatt
King William

Northern
Beverley Manor
Buffalo Gap
Central HS
Clarke Co
Fort Deliance
James Wood
Peter Muhlenberg
R.E. Aylor MS

Rockbridge
S.G. Stewart MS
Sherando
Signal Knob
Stonewall Jackson
Strasburg
Stuarts Draft HS
Turner Ashby

Southside
Bluestone HS
(Chapter and Student)
Drewry Mason
Halifax HS
Laurel Park
Park View MS
Randolph-Henry

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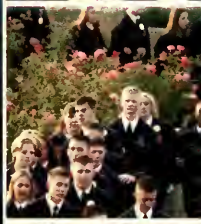

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ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO FIND OUT ABOUT CAREERS IN THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY IS TO TALK TO THE PEOPLE WHO WORK IN IT. YOU WOULD BE HARD PRESSED TO FIND A BIGGER AND MORE DIVERSE GATHERING OF AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS ANYWHERE ON THE PLANET. AT THIS YEAR'S CAREER SHOW, YOU CAN SPEAK DIRECTLY TO REPRESENTATIVES FROM OVER 350 AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS, COMPANIES AND COLLEGES. HERE'S A SAMPLING OF SOME OF LAST YEAR'S EXHIBITORS: JOHN DEERE, CABELA'S, PIONEER HI-BRED INTERNATIONAL, AMERICAN COWBOY MAGAZINE, MICHELIN AGRICULTURAL TIRES, NATIONAL PORK PRODUCERS COUNCIL, USDA FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE, THE TORO COMPANY, LESTER BUILDINGS AND THE GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, PLUS HUNDREDS MORE!

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AT THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION, FFA MEMBERS WILL HAVE THE OPTION OF ATTENDING ANY OF 52 WORKSHOPS. WITH THREE AREAS OF FOCUS—PROGRAM LEADERSHIP, PERSONAL GROWTH AND CAREER SUCCESS—YOU CAN ATTEND ANY COMBINATION OF WORKSHOPS TO SUIT YOUR OWN PERSONAL INTERESTS AND NEEDS. LED BY FORMER NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS, INDUSTRY LEADERS AND INSTITUTIONAL SPEAKERS, THESE ONE-OF-KIND OPPORTUNITIES WILL HELP YOU SHARPEN YOUR CAREER INTERESTS, PRIORITIES AND ABILITY TO LEAD IN ANY SITUATION. SEATING AT THESE EVENTS IS ON A FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVED BASIS. SO WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU PLAN AHEAD AND SELECT THE WORKSHOPS YOU MAY TO ATTEND BEFORE YOU GET TO LOUISVILLE. THAT IS THAT A SCHEDULE IS YOUR FFA ADVISOR'S CONVENTION PLANNING GUIDE AND AT WHAT FFA BRIGS.

Travel

WHETHER YOU'RE ARRIVING IN LOUISVILLE BY PLANE, TRAIN, AUTOMOBILE, BUS OR VAN, YOU'LL FIND THAT TRAVELING IS A LEARNING EXPERIENCE IN ITSELF. IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO BOND WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND EXPERIENCE A DIFFERENT PART OF THE COUNTRY, BUT IT'S ALSO A GREAT TIME FOR YOU TO REFLECT ON ASPECTS OF YOUR OWN LIFE. BY GETTING AWAY FROM YOUR DAILY ROUTINE AND FAMILIAR SURROUNDINGS, YOUR CAN PUT A FRESH SPIN ON YOUR THINKING ABOUT YOUR GOALS, CAREER PLANS AND WHATEVER ELSE HAPPENS TO BE ON YOUR MIND. FOR MANY FFA MEMBERS, ATTENDING THE NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION IS THEIR FIRST "BIG TRIP" AWAY FROM HOME WITHOUT FAMILY MEMBERS. WHETHER THIS IS YOUR FIRST OR THIRD CONVENTION, ONE THING IS FOR SURE—FOR MOST FFA MEMBERS, THE CONVENTION EXPERIENCE REMAINS A VIVID MEMORY FOR YEARS TO COME.

Tours

WHILE YOU'RE IN THE LOUISVILLE AREA, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE MANY EDUCATIONAL TOURS AVAILABLE. SOME OF THE PLACES YOU CAN GO: AMERICAN PRINTING HOUSE FOR THE BLIND, CHURCHILL DOWNS (WATCH FOR A SPECIAL EVENT JUST FOR FFA MEMBERS), COLONEL HARLAN SANDERS MUSEUM, THE LOUISVILLE COURIER-JOURNAL NEWSPAPER, FORD ASSEMBLY PLANT, FOREST DISCOVERY CENTER, HUBER ORCHARD AND WINERY, SPEED ART MUSEUM, KOHLER STABLES, LOUISVILLE SCIENCE CENTER, LOUISVILLE SLUGGER FACTORY AND MUSEUM, LOUISVILLE ZOO, PURINA MILLS CHOW PLANT, THOMAS EDISON HOUSE AND THE ZIMMERMAN ART GLASS FACTORY. THESE FACILITIES ARE ALL WITHIN 20 MILES OF THE CONVENTION SITE.

People

WITH OVER 45,000 FFA MEMBERS AND GUESTS ATTENDING THE CONVENTION, YOU WILL HAVE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO PEOPLE WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS . FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU GROW PUMPKINS FOR YOUR SAE, YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO MEET FFA MEMBERS FROM OTHER STATES WHO ALSO GROW THEM. BY TALKING, YOU COULD LEARN A NEW TRICK FOR KEEPING RABBITS FROM EATING YOUR CROP, OR YOU MIGHT FIND SOMEONE WHO WILL BE A SOUNDING BOARD FOR A NEW AGRICULTURAL MARKETING IDEA YOU'VE DEVELOPED. THE KEY TO MEETING PEOPLE AT THE NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION IS TO BE OUTGOING. DON'T BE AFRAID TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF!

Animal Instict

8 careers where you can work with creatures big and small

Animal geneticist

By studying the biological makeup of animals, these scientists investigate how biological traits such as color, size or disease resistance pass from one generation to the next. They also determine how an animal's environment contributes to the origin, transmission and development of inherited traits. With new technology, animal geneticists now have the ability to alter or produce new traits in a species.

EDUCATION: A four-year degree in animal science, biology, microbiology or biochemistry is required. For some positions, a master's or doctorate degree is needed. High school classes in agriculture, science and math are recommended.

RELATED FFA PROGRAMS: Any supervised agricultural experience program (SAE) or career development event (CDE) involving work with animals (see www.ffa.org/programs/ for complete list)

SALARY: Starts in the $30,000 range. Established animal geneticists can earn more than $60,000.

EMPLOYERS: Universities, agricultural research companies.

MORE INFORMATION: American Society of Animal Science (www.asas.org)

Veterinarian

Wherever there are animals, there are veterinarians, whether it's in downtown Chicago or in rural New Mexico. Considered a dream job by many FFA members, this is a rewarding career for animal lovers, but the number of applicants accepted at veterinary schools is extremely limited. Vets, who usually specialize in either large or small animals, treat diseases and injuries, immunize and inspect animals. They also provide owners with advice on animal care.

EDUCATION: A degree from one of the 27 veterinary schools in the U.S. is required. Before being accepted, many students already have four-year degrees in biology, animal science or a related field. High school classes in agriculture, science and math are recommended.

RELATED FFA PROGRAMS: Any SAE or CDE involving work with animals (see www.ffa.org/programs/ for a full list)

SALARY: Starts in the $28,000 to $44,000 range. The average for established veterinarians ranges from $50,000 to $63,000.

EMPLOYERS: About one-third are self-employed, in solo or group practices. Others work for the government, zoos and animal food and pharmaceutical companies.

MORE INFORMATION: American Veterinarian Medical Association (www.avma.org)

Aquaculturalist

Aquaculturists breed, grow and harvest fish and other water-related products such as trout, catfish, salmon, shrimp and oysters for use as food, bait and stock for ponds and lakes. Like livestock farmers, aquaculturists must be knowledgeable in all aspects of animal handling and care if they want to maximize hatching and growth rates. In addition to feeding and preventing disease, they clean tanks and maintain water regulation equipment.

EDUCATION: A four-year degree in biology or a related field is required for most positions (a high school education or two-year degree is required for entry-level positions). High school classes in agriculture, business and science are recommended.

RELATED FFA PROGRAMS: Aquaculture, Wildlife production and management SAEs; Farm business management CDEs

SALARY: Starts in the $15,000 to $30,000 range. Established aquaculturists can earn up to $60,000.

EMPLOYERS: Hatcheries, fish farms, universities, federal, state and local governments

MORE INFORMATION: Aquaculture Network Information Center (www.aquanic.org)

Kennel manager

Kennel managers provide temporary care for small companion animals like cats and dogs. Kennel operators and their employees spend most of their time exercising, bathing, grooming, feeding and watering the animals. Many kennel operators also help with breeding, provide obedience training and sell pet food and supplies.

EDUCATION: A high school education is required, but a two- or four-year degree in business, animal science or a related field can improve a kennel manager's job prospects and business and animal handling skills.

RELATED FFA PROGRAMS: Small animal production and care or other animal-related SAEs; any CDE involving work with animals (see www.ffa.org/programs/ for a complete list)

SALARY: Starts in the $15,000 to $25,000 range. Established kennel managers can earn over $30,000. Self-employed kennel operators' incomes vary widely, depending on the size of the kennel, the number of employees and other variables.

EMPLOYERS: Some are self-employed, others work for kennel owners.

MORE INFORMATION: American Boarding Kennels Association (www.abka.com)

Wildlife biologist

You'll find wildlife in oceans, on farms, in forests, in rivers and in your backyard. Wildlife biologists study, track and research animals and their habitats. Also called wildlife managers, these professionals study the impact humans and other factors have on wildlife populations and migrations. Based on their observations and data, they constantly look for ways to improve wild animals' overall well being.

EDUCATION: A two- or four-year degree in wildlife biology, zoology, botany or related fields is required. High school classes in agriculture and science are recommended.

RELATED FFA PROGRAMS: Wildlife production and management, Environmental science and natural resources management SAEs; any CDE involving work with animals (see www.ffa.org/programs/ for a complete list)

SALARY: Starts in the range of $22,000 to $27,000. The average for established wildlife biologists ranges from $35,000 to $57,000.

EMPLOYERS: Federal, state and local governments, private and nonprofit groups

MORE INFORMATION: National Wildlife Federation (www.nwf.org)

Livestock technician

Livestock technicians are employed by farms and other animal owners to produce high quality cattle, poultry, sheep, goats, swine and other types of livestock. These professionals must be able to apply their knowledge and training in animal husbandry, nutrition, hygiene and animal physiology. Livestock technicians closely monitor animals' physical condition and work with veterinarians for vaccinations and treatments for disease.

EDUCATION: A two- or four-year degree in animal science or a related field is required. High school classes in agriculture and business are recommended.

RELATED FFA PROGRAMS: Any SAE or CDE involving work with livestock (see www.ffa.org/programs/ for a complete list)

SALARY: Starts in the $20,000 range. Established livestock technicians can earn over $35,000.

EMPLOYERS: Farms, feedlots, extension services and research facilities

MORE INFORMATION: National Cattlemen's Beef Association (www.beef.com), National Pork Board (www.porkboard.org), American Sheep Industry Association (www.sheepusa.org) American Poultry Association (www.ampltya.com)

Horse trainer

Horse trainers keep horses in peak physical and mental condition. They prepare horses for racing, police work, polo, trail riding, movie appearances, rodeos and more. Trainers determine horses' eating and exercise schedules and supervise and hire the services of grooms, farriers, riders and veterinarians, all of whom contribute to a horse's well being.

EDUCATION: A two- or four-year degree in animal or equine science is generally required. High school classes in agriculture and business are recommended.

RELATED FFA PROGRAMS: Equine science SAE; Horse evaluation CDE.

SALARY: Most trainers begin their careers assisting trainers, so pay starts in the $20,000 range. Established trainers average around $35,000. Top racing trainers can earn over $100,000.

EMPLOYERS: Private stables, police departments, camps, breeding associations and racetracks. Others work for themselves.

MORE INFORMATION: American Horse Council, 1700 K St. NW, Suite 300, Washington DC 20006-4031

Zoo keeper

Zoo keepers have direct contact with animals on a daily basis. In a way, they assume roles as parents—they feed, water and groom animals. They play with animals and provide companionship. Their specialized training also enables them to detect physical and mental problems in the animals. When zoo visitors are on hand, zoo keepers answer questions and provide information about animals.

EDUCATION: A two- or four-year degree in zoology, biology or an animal-related field is required. High school classes in agriculture and biology classes are recommended.

RELATED FFA PROGRAMS: Specialty animal production, Wildlife production and management SAEs; Horse evaluation or any CDE where you work with animals

SALARY: Starts in the $15,000 to $25,000 range. Established zoo keepers, many of whom become managers, can earn over $50,000.

EMPLOYERS: Zoological gardens and aquariums

MORE INFORMATION: American Association of Zoo Keepers (www.aazk.org)

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Read all about it!

CHECK YOUR LIBRARY FOR THESE CAREER GUIDES:

Animal careers

"Careers for Animal Lovers: And other zoological types"
by Louise Miller

"Opportunities in Animal and Pet Care Careers"
by Mary Price Lee and Richard S. Lee

"The Complete Guide to Horse Careers"
by Sue Reynolds and Bobette Host

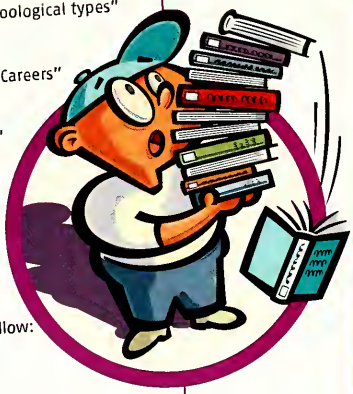
"Working with Wildlife: A guide to careers in the animal world"
by Thane Maynard and Jane Goodall

General careers

"Do What You Love, The Money Will Follow: Discovering your right livelihood"
by Marsha Sinetar

"What color is your parachute?: A practical manual for job-hunters and career-changers"
by Richard Nelson Bolles

"Occupational Outlook Handbook"
by the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics



Animal links

Websites with useful information about the industry, careers, educational opportunities and more:

FFA CAREER CENTER

The National FFA Organization database of agricultural careers.

www.ffa.org/careers/index.html

ARK ANIMALS ONLINE MAGAZINE

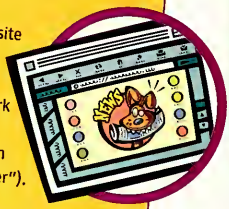
An online magazine with loads of information about animals and jobs.

www.arkanimals.com

ANIMAL PLANET

The TV channel's website has information on animals and stories about people who work with them, including Steve Irwin (also known as the "Crocodile Hunter").

www.animalplanet.com



Other careers where you can work with animals

HIGH SCHOOL AGRICULTURE TEACHER, DAIRY FARMER, FEEDLOT MANAGER, FISH HATCHERY MANAGER, GAME FARM SUPERVISOR, SHEEP SHEARER, TRAPPER, JOURNALIST, AUCTIONEER, LIVESTOCK BUYER, AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT DESIGNER, GROOMER, FARRIER, ANIMAL BEHAVIORIST, ANIMAL NUTRITIONIST, VETERINARIAN TECHNICIAN, EQUINE DENTIST AND ZOOLOGIST

Career Q&A FFA NEW HORIZONS ANSWERS YOUR CAREER QUESTIONS

QUESTION: Lacey Griesbaum, a member of the Palmyra FFA Chapter, Missouri, writes: I'm a junior this year, and I really think I want to be a livestock specialist. I love hogs and horses, although I don't know much about sheep and cattle (I guess that's what college is for). Could you tell me more about the job? I also love to work with kids and go to camps and such. Is there any way I can combine these two interests?

ANSWER: Lacey, Good question—and good timing. Livestock technician is one of the eight careers highlighted in this issue. There are ways of combining your interests in livestock and your desire to work with kids. At the Minnesota Zoo, for example, there's a new permanent exhibit called "The Farm," which recreates a diversified Minnesota farm. Livestock technicians work with farm animals and interact with children who visit the zoo. You can also work with animals and kids as an agriculture teacher. Other opportunities exist at petting zoos, historic farms and stables at summer camps (for more information about agricultural tourism, see the cover story in the January/February 2001 issue of this magazine).

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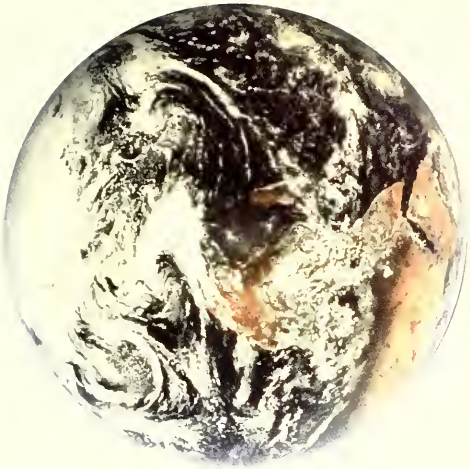

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or contact your local agriculture teacher.

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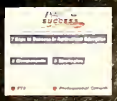
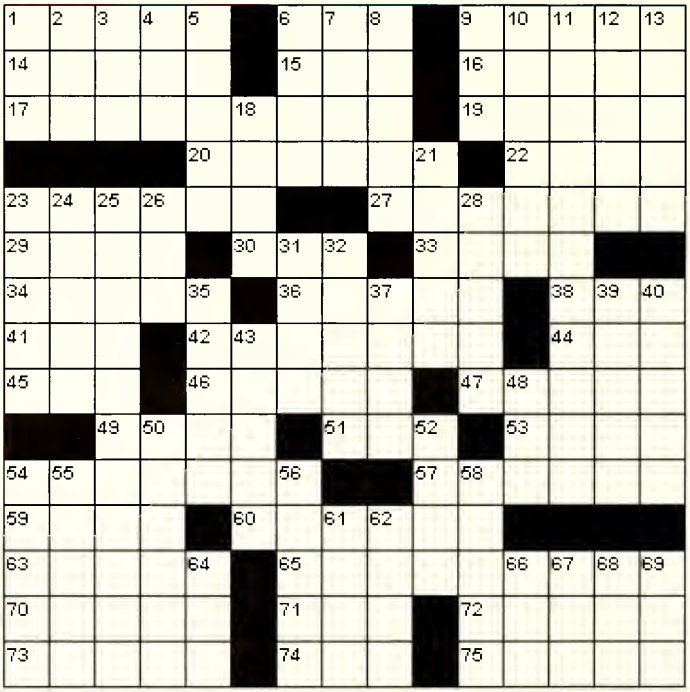


puzzler

BY MATT GAFFNEY

"Life on the Farm"



Across

1 City founded in part by orange growers
6 Surface layer of earth
9 Prepared to reap in the future
14 "He's ___!" ("That guy is so funny!")
15 Garden of Eden lady
16 "Take your best shot!"
17 Hollywood icon who grew up on a farm in Indiana
19 "___ you asked..."
20 Like Saudi Arabians
22 Ending for theater or concert
23 Some toys for boys
27 Afternoon movie
29 "Greet them that love ___ the faith"—Titus 3:15
30 Kind of truck
33 State that has 9 million acres of land used for agriculture: abbr.
34 ___ long way (made great progress)
36 "Don't Want to Wait" singer Cole
38 Org. that helps people broken down on the side of the road
41 Twin-___ engine
42 Rulon ___ (Wyoming farmer who won a gold medal in Greco-Roman wrestling in Sydney last year)
44 Boys named after their fathers: abbr.
45 Like North Dakota roads in winter
46 So far
47 Knocks someone's socks off
49 Price
51 Farmer's best helper, sometimes
53 Garfield's canine pal
54 More usable, like a scythe
57 Deteriorates
59 Fat for cooking
60 Pop singer Williams
63 Interstate that goes from L.A. to Jacksonville, Fla.
65 R.E.M. drummer who quit the band to live on his Georgia farm
70 Very serious
71 Cotton gin inventor ___ Whitney
72 Use one side of a pencil
73 ___ farm
74 Good month for harvesting grapes: abbr.
75 Is durable

Down

1 Rank above capt.
2 Money for retirees
3 Prepare to fire
4 Tavern owner on "The Simpsons"
5 "Who's there?" reply
6 Catches a glimpse of
7 Racetrack shape
8 Fabric a ranch hand might wear
9 Paul and Louis: abbr.
10 Ancestry
11 Country star who lives on a farm in Tennessee
12 TV show host
13 Tractor man John ___
18 ___ Bowl (Oklahoma in the 1930s)
21 Hard wood
23 Fancy kind of purse
24 Father of Jacob and Esau
25 U.S. president famous for being a peanut farmer
26 873,491 divided by 873,491
28 Rips open, as a bag of feed
31 Grand Ole ___ (Nashville musical institution)
32 Walks through water
35 Let out ___ (be shocked)
37 "Do ___ others..."
39 "L.A. Law" character
40 Donkeys and burros
43 Purple, blue, pink, or white flower
48 Overly
50 Requests from a supplier
52 "Harvest Moon" singer ___ Young
54 Melting snow
55 Lacks choices
56 Nighttime wear
58 "___ Without a Cause" (movie starring 17-across)
61 It's stored in the gallbladder
62 Radar screen sound
64 Dir. opposite SSW
66 Time of history
67 College dorm workers, for short
68 Letters after Q
69 "___ ma'am!"

You'll find the solution to this issue's "Puzzler" on page 27.

BY CHRIS HAYHURST

To drink, or not to drink

The hard truth about teens and alcohol

Here's a sobering fact: At least three million American teens have a problem with alcohol. They miss school, get poor grades or say and do things that get them into trouble—all under the influence of beer, wine or hard liquor. They drive drunk, sometimes crashing their cars and injuring or killing innocent bystanders, passengers or themselves. They get into fights and lose close friends.

Many kids drink, and often drink heavily, despite evidence that alcohol consumption—especially at an early age—can have serious consequences. Studies have shown that the younger people are when they first start drinking alcohol, the more likely they are to become alcoholics as adults.

Ninth graders who drink are almost two times more likely to attempt suicide than their non-drinking peers. Teenage girls who drink alcohol are four times more likely than non-drinkers to suffer from emotional problems such as depression. Some studies even show that young people who drink heavily can cause problems in their brains, such as decreased learning ability and memory skills.

Real life consequences

Of course, all the scientific data in the world often means little in real life. You may or may not know someone with an alcohol problem, and even if you do, you may not realize it. Drinking problems aren't always obvious. You may have experimented with alcohol once or twice yourself, with no harm done, and now wonder why you have to wait until you're 21 to drink legally.

The answer, says Ann Bradley, a spokesperson with the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, has everything to do with being a teen. "It's easy when you're young to think that you're invincible," says Bradley, herself a recovering alcoholic for the last 20 years. "I certainly did. Looking back now, though, it's a whole different view."

Drinking, says Bradley, can lead people—especially young people inexperienced with the effects of alcohol—to do extremely dangerous things. "From your very first drink your judgement is impaired," says Bradley. "And especially as a teenager, with an active lifestyle, you need to have all your faculties intact all the time."

Alcohol can spell trouble

Bradley lists getting behind the wheel of a car as the most likely circumstance to get a drinking teen into trouble, followed closely by unwanted or unplanned sexual encounters—encounters that can lead to arrests, pregnancies or, at the very least, humiliation and regret.

To drink or not to drink is a choice you will undoubtedly face at some point during high school and college. Ultimately, it's your decision, but considering the potential consequences, you'd be wise to just say "no."

Getting help

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAS A DRINKING PROBLEM, THE WORST THING YOU CAN DO IS IGNORE IT. GET HELP, WHETHER FROM FAMILY, FRIENDS, TEACHERS OR SCHOOL COUNSELORS. FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ALCOHOL USE AND ABUSE FROM THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON ALCOHOL ABUSE AND ALCOHOLISM:
WWW.NIAAA.NIH.GOV
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG DEPENDENCE:
WWW.NCADD.ORG

Think before you drink

FACTS ABOUT ALCOHOL USE

- ALCOHOL IS A DEPRESSANT.
- A 12-OUNCE CAN OF BEER, A FIVE-OUNCE GLASS OF WINE AND A ONE-OUNCE SHOT OF HARD LIQUOR ALL CONTAIN THE SAME AMOUNT OF ALCOHOL AND AFFECT THE BODY IN THE SAME WAY.
- IT TAKES FROM TWO TO THREE HOURS FOR ONE DRINK TO LEAVE THE BODY'S SYSTEM.
- YOUR WEIGHT, MOOD, THE TIME OF DAY AND NUMEROUS OTHER FACTORS CONTRIBUTE TO HOW YOU WILL REACT TO ALCOHOL.
- ALCOHOL ABUSE CAN EVENTUALLY LEAD TO SERIOUS HEALTH PROBLEMS, INCLUDING LIVER DAMAGE.

SOURCES: NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON ALCOHOL ABUSE AND ALCOHOLISM AND MADD

your money

TIPS ON MANAGING YOUR CASH

BY STEVE DINNEN

Need money for college?

You can apply for FFA scholarships ranging from $500 to $10,000

If you're planning on attending college and want help paying the tuition, look no further than the National FFA Organization 2002 Scholarship Book. In it, you will find hundreds of scholarships just for FFA members.

Nearly 200 companies, from farm implement manufacturers to railroads to retailers to food processors, have teamed up with the FFA to make scholarships of $500 to $10,000 available. The 18-year-old program has awarded nearly $14 million to FFA members, and this coming year, another $1.5 million or so will be available (by the way, this year's application deadline is February 15, 2002).

Some scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need, some on academic achievement and others on a combination of factors. The qualifications are explained in the scholarship book, which will be distributed to FFA chapters during the first half of the 2001-02 school year. You can also pick up a copy at this year's National FFA convention or download one from National FFA Online (www.ffa.org). Applications are also available at www.fastweb.com, an online company that handles tens of thousands of scholarships annually.

Computerized process

To make the process work as smoothly as possible, the FFA has computerized the process. "All the FFA members have to do is fill out the application," says scholarship program director Becky Manning. "The computer matches up the kids with the scholarships."

Christopher Kubal, a member of the Carrington FFA Chapter in North Dakota, sent in his FFA scholarship application last December. After working on his application on and off for about a week, he came away with $1,000 scholarship from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corporation. "It will pay for part of my college," says Christopher, who is just beginning his first year at Dickinson State College. "And it lessens the burden on trying to pay back some loans."

Don't miss out

While most scholarships are aimed at high school seniors, like Christopher, who are about to become college freshmen, a number of FFA awards are also reserved for students already in college.

If you have any questions about FFA scholarships, ask your FFA advisor or give Becky Manning at the National FFA Organization a call at 317-802-4321 or send her an e-mail at bmanning@ffa.org.

Good luck! You have nothing to lose but a 34-cent stamp.

Application tips

WHEN FILLING OUT YOUR FFA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION, KEEP IN MIND THE THREE MOST COMMON MISTAKES THAT STUDENTS MAKE (ANY ONE OF WHICH CAN VOID YOUR APPLICATION):

- HANDWRITTEN APPLICATIONS: TYPE 'EM UP, FOLKS.
- MISSING SIGNATURES AND INFORMATION: AFTER YOU GO OVER THE FORM A COUPLE OF TIMES, HAVE SOMEONE ELSE READ IT TO LOOK FOR GOOFS.
- APPLICATIONS POSTMARKED AFTER THE DEADLINE: THE FEBRUARY 15 POSTMARK DATE IS A HARD AND FAST RULE.

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what's hot

Welcome to our new-look "What's Hot" page! As you've noticed, we've changed a couple of things. First, we've expanded the "hot" list to include the top 5 vote getters in each category. Second, in keeping with the positive attitude of FFA members and this magazine, we've phased out the "not" list. You can fill out your "hot" choices on the next page.

Chapter that sent in the most "What's Hot" surveys:
The Evadale FFA Chapter in Texas

TOP 5 FEMALE ACTORS

Julia Roberts
Sandra Bullock
Julia Stiles
Angelina Jolie
Claire Forlani

TOP 5 MALE ACTORS

Freddie Prinze, Jr.
Ben Affleck
Ben Stiller
Hugh Jackman
Jim Carrey

TOP 5 FEMALE SINGERS

Faith Hill
Britney Spears
Mandy Moore
Eve
Shania Twain

TOP 5 MALE SINGERS

Tim McGraw
Chris LeDoux
Garth Brooks
Jon Bon Jovi
'N Sync

TOP 5 TV SITCOMS

Friends
Seventh Heaven
Sister, Sister
Malcolm in the Middle
Will and Grace

TOP 5 TV SOAP OPERAS

Days of Our Lives
Passions
As the World Turns
The Bold and the Beautiful
All My Children

TOP 5 MOVIES

Freddy Got Fingered
Mummy Returns
Bring It On
Joe Dirt
Remember the Titans

TOP 5 BASEBALL TEAMS

Atlanta Braves
New York Yankees
Colorado Rockies
St. Louis Cardinals
Chicago White Sox

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survey

Mail in your What's Hot survey today.

Our address is on page 1.

Vote once for each category.

When we print the results, we'll show the top five vote-getters in each category. In our next issue, we'll recognize the FFA chapter that sends in the most surveys.

agricultural career

ffa activity

school lunch food

school subject (besides agriculture)

female actor

male actor

band

singer

song

professional male athlete

professional female athlete

website you use most

tv show

weekend activity

dream vacation location

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Here is the solution from the puzzler on page 22 of this issue. How did you do?

Have a great joke?

Write it down here. If we print it, you win $5. See the "Last Laff" page for details.

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last laff

Q: What is a tree's favorite soft drink?
A: Root beer.
Emily Judd
NORTH VERNON, INDIANA

Q: Why did the music students get in trouble?
A: They were passing notes.
Brittany Davis
LYNDHURST, VIRGINIA

Q: Where did the horse get its haircut?
A: On Mane Street.
Seriena Seitzer
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Q: Why was the broom late for work?
A: It overswept.
Kristy Curry
OAKE CITY, FLORIDA

Q: Why was the chef late for dinner?
A: Because he ran out of thyme.
Jennifer Downen
ALTUS, OKLAHOMA

Q: What did the mom goat say to her husband when they arrived at the hospital?
A: It's okay darling, I'm just kidding.
Brittany Swackhamer
CICERO, INDIANA

Q: How many farmers does it take to screw in a light bulb?
A: None. They are so smart that light bulbs already glow above them.
Ross Lindgren
MADDOCK, NORTH DAKOTA

A joke for you to try on your friends:
Tell them to say the word "silk" three times, then ask them what cows drink. Chances are, they'll incorrectly say "milk."
Ryan Smith
NEWPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

Q: Two baseball teams played a game. One team won without a man touching home plate. How can this be?
A: They were all-female teams.
Denver Slagel
FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

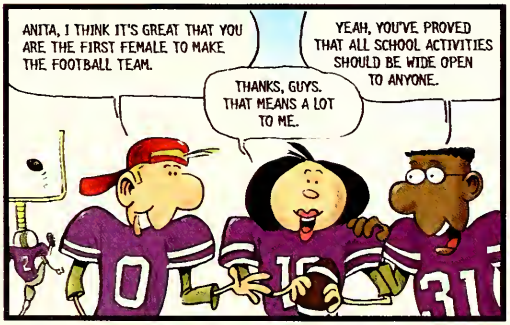
Q: What does a mosquito use to keep her hair in place?
A: Bug spray.
Cassandra Mandry
UNION GROVE, TEXAS

Q: What do you call a bear with no teeth?
A: A gummy bear.
Amy Mowry
LAURA, OHIO

Q: What did Delaware?
A: Her New Jersey.
David Koll
PATTERSON, CALIFORNIA

WE'LL PAY FIVE BUCKS FOR EACH JOKE SELECTED ON THIS PAGE. IF WE RECEIVE DUPLICATE JOKES, THE PERSON WHO SENT IT IN FIRST GETS THE CASH. BECAUSE WE RECEIVE SO MANY JOKES, WE CAN'T ACKNOWLEDGE OR RETURN YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS. WRITE YOUR JOKE ON A POSTCARD, SHEET OF PAPER OR IN THE SPACE PROVIDED ON THE WHAT'S HOT SURVEY ON PAGE 27, AND MAIL IT TO US (YOU'LL FIND OUR ADDRESS ON PAGE 1).

Agrinuts by Jim Bradshaw



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